3. A circular has been issued to the effect that graduates should not be put over the heads of under-graduates already in service so far as lower grades are concerned.

4. A copy is placed on the Council table.

5. It will depend on the efficiency of the officer.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—(3) Does the term under graduate include those who have not passed the School Final Examination?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes. Under-graduates may include unpassed hands as well.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Has the term in the Lower grade been defined anywhere ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It was defined in answer to a question two days ago, all below Rs. 100.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Do the under-graduates rise automatically up to Rs. 100 or is there any efficiency bar ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no efficiency bar, but at the same time it cannot be said that every under-graduate will automatically go up to Rs. 100.

Applications for appointment.

497. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the House the number of applications for employment received during the 6 years 1100 to 1105 (1) in the Huzur, (2) by the Heads of Departments and Municipalities in the State from (a) graduates in Arts and Law, (b) other graduates, (c) the Intermediates, and (d) the School Final Certificate holders and of these applicants how many were they able to entertain in the service?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A statement containing the available information is appended. (*Vide Appendix V.*)

Unanswered references.

498. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of unanswered references in the offices of the Heads of Departments at the end of each quarter for each of the years 1103, 1104 and 1105 ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Information as far as it has been possible to collect is embodied in the statement placed on the Council Table.

Defalcations.

499. Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—With reference to question No. 189 answered on Monday, 4th Kumbham 1106 corresponding to 16th February 1931, will the Government be pleased to inform this House:—

(a) how many members of each caste were, during the period of six years covered by sub-division (a) of the said

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